

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.4517**

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TO:	The Honorable James H. Harrison, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Court of Appeals Jurisdiction		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill allows all Occupational Health and Safety Act cases to be heard by an Administrative Law Judge and provides procedures for appearing in and appealing such cases.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Administrative Law Court

The Court reports that it would require 1.00 FTE for an Administrative Specialist II at an annual cost to the General Fund of \$37,950 for salary, fringe and other operating expenses. The new position would be used to handle the additional workload from filing the new cases with the Court. The agency reports there will be no impact to Federal and/or Other Funds.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

The Department estimates a cost savings from eliminating the Review Board. However, additional attorney preparation time would be needed to present cases to the Administrative Law Court. Therefore, there would be no net impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Judicial Department

The Department indicates this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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